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SUBJECT: SYMBOLIC STEP TOWARD THE NEW SOCIALISM

1. IN THE NEW QADHAFI SOCIALISM, THERE ARE TO BE NO WORKERS FOR WAGES, WHO ARE CALLED SLAVES, BUT ONLY PARTNERS IN THE ENTERPRISE WHO WILL DIVIDE A SHARE OF THE PRODUCT OF THE ACTIVITY. THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT, FOLLOWING THE GUIDANCE OF THE GREEN BOOK PART II, HAS APPARENTLY TAKEN A FIRST SYMBOLIC STEP TOWARD THAT GOAL. TO CHANTS OF "LONG LIVE AL-FATEH REVOLUTION," THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING ON JULY 8 IN BENGHAZI DISTRIBUTED TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE "PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY" SOME OF THE 1976 PROFITS OF THE ENTERPRISE. THE JANA REPORT DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT THE 1976 TURNOVER OR PROFITS OF THE COMPANY WERE, BUT SAID THE COMPANY HAD "CONTRIBUTED PROJECTS OF 28 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1977." THE COMPANY'S DIRECTOR GENERAL AFFIRMED IN HIS SPEECH THAT THE DISTRIBUTION WAS AN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF "PARTNERS, NOT HIRED LABOR."

2. COMMENT: THE EXACT MEANING OF "PARTNERS, NOT HIRED LABOR" REMAINS TO BE ELABORATED. QADHAFI IMPLIED IN THE LITTLE GREEN BOOK THAT AS A RESULT OF SOME NATURAL LAW, LABOR IS ENTITLED TO ONE-THIRD THE PRODUCTION OF ANY UNCLASSIFIED

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ENTERPRISE, WITH RAW MATERIALS AND PLANT OR CAPITAL ALSO RECEIVING THIRDS. FULFILLING THIS RIGID FORMULA BY DISTRIBUTING A SHARE OF THE PROFITS SEEMS A FAIRLY PRAGMATIC WAY OF RECONCILING IDEOLOGY WITH REALITY.

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